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1. In the latter part of July 1950, the Thai Police received a message from Rome, presumably from the Italian Police, that three Communists of Italian nationality had been assigned to Southeast Asia to assist the Ho Chi Minh forces. One of the individuals is an expert printer and a maker of banknotes.
2. The Thai Police received the message after three individuals of Italian nationality had departed from Bangkok about 16 July 1950. Each of the individuals departed from Bangkok for a separate destination, namely, Singapore, Hong Kong, and Saigon. The Italian citizens had arrived in Thailand from Rome about 2 July 1950.

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